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The Examiner's attention is hereby directed to the following reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. One copy of the reference(s) is enclosed.

Applicant wishes to point out that, since cited reference JP 10-135550 is in Japanese, applicant has provided a copy of the Abstract of the counterpart US patent 4,674,830.

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